

Application No.: 10/649,700

Docket No.: 22270-00001-US1

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 and 18 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 13, and 16 are independent. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended; no claims have been canceled; and no claims 18 have been added by this amendment.

**Indefiniteness Rejection**

The amendment to claim 13 is responsive to the Examiner's assertion of indefiniteness, and has been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the stated basis for indefiniteness.

In view of the amendment to claim 13, dependent claim 14 has been amended to conform to the recitations and antecedent basis provided in claim 13. Allowance of claims 13-15 are respectfully requested.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1-12, 16, and 18 are allowed, and that claims 13-15 would be allowed if amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection of claim 13. The indefiniteness rejection is believed to now be moot in view of the amendment.

**Conclusions**

Applicants submit that pending claims 1-16 and 18 in this application are in immediate condition for allowance. An early indication of the same would be appreciated.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22270-00001-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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